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Abdicraunt DOMINUM, et Abducentur Populum ad Nequitiam.

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IN all Ages some Prodigies or Monsters, have appeared amongst Mankind, that have been ingenious at the peril of the Publick; such who compass their ends not by fairness and strength of Argument, but by insinuating themselves into Mens affections by all the basest Method of subtilty and adulation, which sort of flattery is indeed a Collective accumulative baseness, being compounded of the most sordid, hateful qualities incident to Mankind, viz. Lying Servility, and Treachery, each of which being detestably deformed singly, must certainly in conjunction make up a most loathsome ugly Guilt. But not to trouble our selves to search for Precedents in former Story, we see before our eyes more than sufficient! much more than future Ages will ever credit. We behold indeed so much, that after one Century the truth of these things shall be taken for feigned Hyperboles, or abominable Lyes. Who will ever believe this general Defection? Who can imagine that Bishops, Noblemen, &c. would ever Harlotize that Sacred Character of *Nobilitas est sola aique unica Virtus*, and suffer themselves to be ingender'd with Treachery! Nay, that such Men who bear so great a Character in Church and State, would ever see, nay assist! so foul a Monster as Treason to deflower their *Virgin Loyalty*, and at once to Rob the *Glory of the Reformation*, (the Church of England) of all her pretence to the Beauty of a most Pure and Primitive Christianity. O horrid! O abominable Invitation! Religion (that Sacred Name! that true in cret of all Christians Souls) is continually abus'd to palliate and countenance the most abominable Undertakings: And Men of turbulent and restless Spirits will be sure to find, or make some pretences or occasions of Quarrel under the most just and Equal Government. But as such Proceedings stand, in respect to Religion, the Reverend William Sherlock, D. D. (foreseeing

what might come to pass, as well as what had happen'd in the World) declares in a Sermon on Sept. 9th. 1683. Pap. 11. 13. *There is nothing more expressly contrary to the revealed Word of God, than Treasonable Plots and Conspiracies against Sovereign Princes: Christian Religion (says he) is the greatest Security of Government, both in its Precepts and Examples; it commands EVERY Soul to be subject to the Higher Powers, and threatens Eternal Damnation against Rebels. And (as things now stand) were there any true concernment for Religion, can We imagine that the most profest Atheists! the most lewd profligate Wretches! the greatest Monsters, and Prodigies of Wickedness! (as many of our Inviters are notoriously known to be) should be so Zealous for Religion? These two Words (says the Bishop of Ely, in a Sermon, upon the same day, p. 17.) of the wicked Politician Caiaphas, Venient Romani, are effectually Incitatives to stir up the People to Cry, Crucifie him! Crucifie him! Always (says that Reverend Prelate) Popery! Popery! serves the turn of any great Incendiary to break through all Divine and Humane Laws. And John Fitzwilliams, D. D. on that day Preaches to all Christians, That Subjects withdrawing their Obedience from their Lawful Prince, is a denying the Authority of God; a shaking off Gods Government from their Shoulders, that even the Almighty should not Reign over them; They have not rejected Thee, but Me, that I should not Reign over them, 1 Sam. 8. 7. Treason against the King, (says this Reverend Divine) is a kind of Sacrilege, and Revolt from him, an Apostacy from God, and a Resisting him, an Opposing of God, Rebelling against him, Fighting with God; The setting up a Counterfeit Prince against the True One, an introducing a Plurality of Godheads, the Obeying of an Usurper, Idolatry; the slandering his Anointed, and his Footsteps, a Blaspheemy of God; the blaming his Conduct, a quarrelling with Providence, &c.*
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To these may be added the Suffrage of many more, the best and most Learned of the *Church of England*: By which it is fully evident, our *Principles*, of the *Principles* of the *Church*! are for *Loyalty*: And I will now challenge the most Malicious *Abdicator*, even *Burnet* himself, (who has thrust in his black Face to bespot her Beauty) to shew me the contrary, otherwise than by the Complexion of his own accursed Actions. And further, the Laws of our Country are in this case adequate to those of our Religion, and do attain Those that Invited the *Prince of Orange* of the highest Crime that can be committed (in respect to Civil Government) upon earth, and Condemn for *High Treason* those that maintain the Invitation. First it is a known Maxim of the Common Law, That the *King of England* holds his Power from, and is accountable to none but God, *Rex Anglia sub nullo nisi, tantum sub Deo*, *Bracton*. And by the Statute Law, 25. *Edw. 3. cap. 2.* To compass or imagine the death of the *King, Queen, or Prince of Wales.* To levy War against the *King*, or adhere to his Enemies to give them Aid or Comfort within the Realm or elsewhere, is *High Treason*. And by the Statute 13. *C. 2. cap. 1.* If any intend to Depose the *King*, or to levy War against him, or to move, [or Invite] any Strangers to Invade any of his Majesties Dominions, is also *High Treason*. Inviolably to keep, and Religiously to observe which Laws, all the Nobility, Lords Spiritual, as well as Lords Temporal, Clergy, Lawyers, and the greatest part of the whole Gentry of England, besides most of the Tradisemen, and inferior sort of People, one time or other, (upon some manner of occasion) have Sworn, and upon the Holy Evangelists declared, That it is not Lawful, upon any account whatsoever, to bear Arms against the *King*, or against any, that are in Commission under him, And likewise, That his Majesty James the Second, is the Only Supreme Governour in all his Dominions: And that They will do their utmost to resist Any Foreign Prince that shall Invade him.

But alas! When I reflect upon the sad and dreadful Complexion of the Times! when I be-

hold the Monstrous Ingratitude, and Treachery of Some, persisted in with such an Obstinacy as is not to be found, but in *Apostate Angel*, who cannot, and amongst *Traytors* and *Rebels* who will not Repent.

However I say, some of Us may speak for our selves, yet I must and will blame Those whose Undutiful Actions made the first Scene in this *Bloody Tragedy of Rebellion*! Those who have boldly ventur'd (upon peril of their own Damnation) to streign a point of *strict Duty*, and dispen-
cence with the before-mentioned *Laws of Con-
science*, and of our Countrey, having nothing to plead for themselves, but that old pernicious Principle of *Doing Evil, that Good might come thereof*. Our Church, the Bulwork and Glory of the Reformation! The most Pure and Apostolical Church upon Earth, (who as the Bishop of Ely (in his *Sermon* before cited, Pag. 33.) says, *Never takes the Sword against her Lawful Sovereign*; was never in that Danger as now: Now is the time, says our Adversaries, that Heresy is swallow-
ed up in Atheism; Now is that lamentable time, wherein with horror we behold the sad Convul-
sions of our beloved Reformation: Our Churches are now to be new Moulded into all the sordid and slovenly Methods of the Coventicle, Our Episcopal Rites, and Jurisdiccions, into all the Faces of *Calvinism* and *Presbitery*. And I tremble to think what Satisfaction must be given to the Divine Vengeance, for that vast effusion of Christian Blood, &c. that is now like to be spilt in the damnable progress of this most Un-
natural and Impious Rebellion.

This Paper shall *Weekly* demonstrate our *Loy-*
alty to the King, whom you have most barba-
rously *Abdicated*, to the great Scandal of *Chri-*
anity it self. *You* shall upon all occasions find us
Abhorers of this *Rebellion*. Our *Actions* shall
speak our *Fidelity* Sworn to *James* the Second,
whilst *You* pay your *Perjur'd Allegiance* to the
Usurper. And we will *Now* begin to set our
selves heartily to do *His Majesty Right*, against
your *Invasion*, in order to send the *War* home
to you, who so *Wickedly* began it.